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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 13, 2001

REQUEST OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE010370

For additional time to comply with
the Rules Governing Retail Access
to Competitive Energy Services

ORDER PERMITTING RESPONSES TO REQUEST

On June 19, 2001, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") entered an order in Case No. PUE010013 adopting Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services ("Retail Access Rules"), 20 VAC 5-312-10 et seq., effective August 1, 2001, to be applicable to the implementation of full or phased-in retail access to competitive energy services in the service territory of each local distribution company.

In adopting the Retail Access Rules, the Commission noted that some parties may require additional time to comply with certain provisions. We therefore directed any parties needing additional time to comply with certain of the Retail Access Rules to submit requests in writing to the Commission on or before July 9, 2001. Each request was required to: (1) identify each rule for which additional time is needed to comply, and the

reasons for such request; and (2) state how much additional time is desired to comply with the specified rules.

On July 9, 2001, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Virginia Power" or the "Company") filed a request for additional time within which the Company must comply with 20 VAC 5-312-90 I 8 f, 20 VAC 5-312-90 I 8 g, and 20 VAC 5-312-90 L of the Retail Access Rules. In support of its request, Dominion Virginia Power states that compliance with these rules requires significant modifications to the Company's existing systems for billing and payment that the Company will be unable to complete by January 1, 2002. Dominion Virginia Power requests an extension until July 1, 2002.

In addition, the Company argues that it cannot comply with some of the billing information standards until the Commission approves a projected market price applicable to the Company and the Company's unbundled rates, fuel factor, and wires charges for 2002. Dominion Virginia Power therefore states it may also need more time to comply with 20 VAC 5-312-90 I 3, 20 VAC 5-312-90 J 1, 20 VAC 5-312-90 J 2, and 20 VAC 5-312-90 J 3. Dominion Virginia Power further states that it reserves the right to request additional time at a later date if the VAEDT Plan filed with the Commission includes procedures or data exchange protocols that are not within the scope of the current plan and

require major system modifications to comply with 20 VAC 5-312-20 K and other rules requiring compliance with VAEDT standards.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the request, we find that this matter should be docketed and that interested parties and Staff should have the opportunity to respond to Dominion Virginia Power's request. We also find that the Company should be permitted to respond to any comments filed in response to its request.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter shall be docketed as Case No. PUE010370.

(2) Dominion Virginia Power shall promptly make a copy of its request available at no charge. Copies of the request may be obtained by contacting counsel for Dominion Virginia Power, Karen L. Bell, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 21219. The request may also be reviewed during regular business hours at the Commission's Document Control Center, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

(3) On or before July 27, 2001, interested parties and Staff may file responses to Dominion Virginia Power's request with Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. A copy of a response shall be simultaneously served on counsel for the Company at the address set forth above and on Commission Staff.

(4) On or before August 6, 2001, Dominion Virginia Power may reply to any comments filed by interested parties and Commission Staff with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. A copy of a reply shall be simultaneously served on the interested party and on Commission Staff.

(5) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.